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SMALLPOX.**OUTBREAK AT CARBONDALE, PA.**

There has been an outbreak of smallpox at Carbondale, Pa. The health officer, Dr. F. W. Lewis, reported 44 cases between August 10 and September 7. During the week ended August 17 there were 10 reported cases, 22 the next week, 10 the next, and 2 during the week ended September 7.

VIRULENT SMALLPOX IN PITTSBURGH, PA.

Dr. E. R. Walters, director of health, reports that during the week ended August 10 there occurred in the city of Pittsburgh 1 case of and 1 death due to smallpox; during the week ended August 24, 40 cases and 1 death; during the next week, 3 cases and 8 deaths, and during the week ended September 7, 9 cases and 4 deaths.

EPIDEMIC POLIOMYELITIS (INFANTILE PARALYSIS).**BUFFALO, N. Y., AND VICINITY.**

The outbreak of poliomyelitis which began in Buffalo in June has not yet subsided. The aggressive campaign carried on by the health department seems, however, to have had a material effect in controlling the disease and preventing its getting beyond bounds. Up to September 14 there had been 226 reported cases with 30 deaths.

During the week ended September 14 there were reported 18 cases. This is a smaller number than that reported during any of the preceding 7 weeks, with the exception of the week ended August 17, during which 17 cases were reported.

Unusual numbers of cases of poliomyelitis are also being reported in Erie, Niagara, Chautauqua, Genesee, and other counties in the vicinity of Buffalo. At Batavia, Genesee County, 14 cases have been reported during the last few weeks.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., AND VICINITY.

The epidemic of poliomyelitis in Los Angeles seems to be at an end. The outbreak began in June about the same time as the one in Buffalo, and up to September 7 there had been 249 reported cases. While during the height of the outbreak from 20 to 40 cases were reported weekly, the number has diminished rapidly since August 17. During the week ended August 24, 12 cases were reported, during the next week only 6, and during the week ended September 7 only 5. The subsidence of the outbreak followed closely upon the establishment of a rigid quarantine of premises where there were cases, the closure of all schools and the prohibition of gatherings of large numbers of children.

Soon after the appearance of the disease in Los Angeles in June, cases were noted at the beach resorts in the vicinity, and later in neighboring counties and occasionally in those at a distance. Among the counties thus invaded were Riverside, Ventura, Merced, Sacramento, San Joaquin, and San Francisco.

During the course of the outbreaks in both Los Angeles and Buffalo there was an effort on the part of certain residents to belittle

the importance of the epidemics and the active measures being taken by the health departments, with especial reference to the publicity being given regarding the presence of the disease and the number of cases occurring. However, in neither case did this prove a material embarrassment to the health authorities, who received the earnest support of both the practicing physicians and the citizens in general.

The impression that publicity regarding such matters injures municipal interests is based upon a fallacy. The existence of an epidemic can not be concealed very long and the absence of frankness in regard to the situation under these conditions produces a fear and suspicion that it takes some time to overcome.

There is nothing that inspires so much confidence in the ability of a community to cope with a sanitary problem as frankness and honesty at all times in stating existing conditions. It shows that the community has the situation in hand and that it has sufficient confidence not to be afraid to inform others as to what is going on. The ethics of concealment of epidemic conditions is of course indefensible.

OHIO.

The Ohio State Board of Health reports that epidemic poliomyelitis is prevalent in certain sections of the State.

CHICAGO, ILL.

During the first 8 months of the present year 61 cases of poliomyelitis were reported in Chicago. During the month of August the number of cases notified showed a marked increase over that of preceding months. During the first 8 months of 1911 only 2 cases were reported in the city.

Poliomyelitis has been made a quarantinable disease in Chicago.

HALLAND COUNTY, SWEDEN.

Poliomyelitis is reported to be epidemic in Halland County, Sweden. It was prevalent in Sweden last year also, and between May 1 and October 15, 1911, there was a total of 2,390 cases reported, of which 339 occurred in towns.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS FOR THE STUDY OF INFANTILE HYGIENE AND PATHOLOGY, PARIS, OCTOBER 7, 1912.

The next International Congress for the Study of Infantile Hygiene and Pathology will be held at Paris October 7, 1912. It is the desire of those having charge of the congress that as many pediatricists as possible of foreign countries may attend. The honorary president of the congress is the minister of public instruction of France. The following letter in regard to the congress was received from the Department of State, together with a translation of a note addressed to the department by the French Government through its ambassador at Washington, expressing the hope that as many